

RECREATION BOND SCRAP GROWS

SDS Paper Distributed At BHHS

Police Question And Release Two Youths

A youth who is the subject of a front page story in "New Left Notes," publication of Students for a Democratic Society, distributed the newspaper to a few Benton Harbor high school students Wednesday.

He was identified as Alan Maki, 17, of Grand Rapids. A "bulletin" in the Feb. 28 SDS newspaper said an Alan Maki of Grand Rapids had been arrested for larceny during a seizure of the administration building at Michigan State University. He was charged in the theft of sandwiches.

School officials estimated that about 50 SDS newspapers were distributed during a class break. Maki and a Kalamazoo youth were questioned and released by Benton Harbor police.

SDS, with a minute membership, has been involved in disturbances at colleges across the nation. It is now trying to recruit members in high schools.

Supporters of the SDS in the Twin Cities reportedly held an organizational meeting in St. Joseph. An underground newspaper, the "Bulwark," with SDS leanings, has been distributed here.



JOE HEWARD
Former Undersheriff
MARVIN WASHINGTON
Sheriff's Detective

Berrien Men Seek U.S. Marshal Job

County GOP Backing Both Veteran Policemen

Two Berrien county men, Sheriff's Det. Marvin Washington, 47, and former Berrien Undersheriff Joe Heward, 49, are vying for appointment this spring to the post of U.S. marshal for the western half of the upper and lower peninsulas.

Washington, a county resident since age 5 and a sheriff's officer since 1952, and Heward, a lifetime county resident who joined the department in 1946, reportedly face some 40 other contenders for nomination by U.S. Sen. Robert P. Griffin and presidential appointment. The marshal takes office in June.

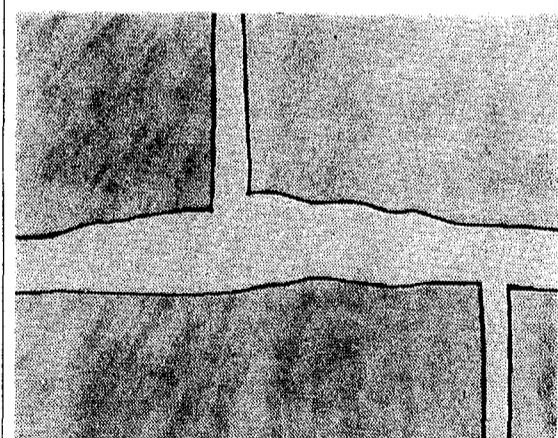
Washington has loosed a barrage of letters seeking support for his nomination. Heward says he's "received several encouraging communications from Washington . . . (and) I'm being considered."

The marshal serves a four-year term. Changes are reported frequent when administrations change.

Washington and Heward are family men, World War II veterans, started low in the sheriff's department and worked their way up, and have longtime associations with the Republican party.

The county GOP executive committee has endorsed both men, according to the party chief, F. A. "Mike" Jones.

Heward lives at Route 1, Three Oaks, with his wife, Helen. They have four children. Washington lives at 1875 East Empire Avenue, Benton Harbor, with his wife, Margaret. They have two children.



PRIZE WINNER: This oil painting, entitled #7, by Harry Brorby of Holland, Mich., has won the \$1,500 Pauline Palmer prize in the Chicago and Vicinity exhibit at the Art Institute in Chicago. Exhibit will open March 22. (AP Wirephoto)

Haircut Rates Are Going Up

The price of a haircut in the Twin Cities will go up 25 cents beginning March 24, according to Jerry Post, secretary-treasurer of the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph local of the Southwestern Michigan Barbers association.

Post said the decision was made at a meeting of local barbers Tuesday at George's Barber shop, 157 East Napier.

The increase, the first authorized here by the association since December of 1967, will bring the price of a stand haircut to \$2.50.

Post said that he consulted with barbers in outlying areas and that many will follow suit. He said Berrien Springs will make the increase April 1.

However, he indicated that some areas which have increased prices recently, such as Coloma and Stevensville, may not make another increase. He said that generally barbershops in suburban areas will charge at least 25 cents less than those in the Twin Cities.

Post said the increase is due "to the increased cost of supplies and the cost of living spiral."

Captains Table, Difenderfer's Trio, featuring Ray Nordberg, Sat. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Adv.

Ray's Plea Frustrates Justice Department

Conspiracy Cloud Remains

By Associated Press
James Earl Ray, quoted as wishing now he had elected to stand trial for the Martin Luther King assassination, was joined in his regrets today by the U.S. Justice Department.

A source in the department said the feeling there over Ray's abrupt guilty plea is "one of frustration." The reason: a full-fledged trial, had one been held, might have shed light on questions which have led to widespread suspicion around the country that Ray was only one figure in a conspiracy.

SECOND THOUGHTS
In Nashville, the Nashville Tennessean said in a copyright story that Ray disclosed second

thoughts about the guilty plea within hours of his sentencing in Memphis to an agreed 99 years in prison. Ray also has inquired about how he could hire a new attorney the paper said.

The story said unidentified official sources quoted Ray as saying:

"When I went to court Monday I was convinced if I didn't plead guilty I was going to the electric chair. I wish the hell I hadn't now because with what they had on me I believe the worst I'd gotten would have been life."

Under Tennessee law a life prisoner could be eligible for parole after 13 years 7 months, or even earlier if he earned maxi-

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mum good behavior time. Under a 99-year sentence a prisoner must serve at least 30 years. The Tennessean said a prison further quoted Ray:

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"My attorney and my brother told me about six weeks ago that the best thing for me to do was to plead guilty if we could work out a deal to keep me out of the chair. They told me they thought this could be done."

"I was thinking about it and every day they thought I would plead guilty. Last week I just told them if they thought this was best and what I ought to do, then I would plead guilty."

Ray was reported to have

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\$466,150 MISSING

Poverty Worker Has Own Case At Heart?

NEW YORK (AP) — An employee of a Harlem antipoverty agency has been charged with cashing \$466,150 in checks that were made out by a computer to persons who did not exist.

Frank Willis, 28, an assistant director of Harlem Youth Unlimited (Haryou-Act), a job-referral agency, was arrested Wednesday on a 51-count indictment charging him with grand larceny, possession of stolen property, and conspiring with Coy D. Smith, former chief fiscal officer of the Youth Corps, to commit grand larceny.

Smith and two other former Youth Corps employees were indicted Feb. 18 in connection with the theft of \$529,737 in Youth Corps funds last summer.

The district attorney said Smith and his associates rigged a computer so that it would issue thousands of checks to nonexistent youths in payment for fictitious Youth Corps jobs.

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GOP Chiefs Oppose Milliken

Governor Vows He'll Fight For 3-Way Split

YPSILANTI (AP) — Despite apparent widespread Republican disaffection for the plan, Gov. William Milliken has reiterated his intention to work for approval of his proposed natural resources and recreation bond formula.

Speaking to the Ypsilanti area Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, Milliken said, "I will oppose any efforts to pork-barrel these funds or to dissipate their effectiveness by stretching the spending over too many years."

Milliken's proposed formula would divide three ways a \$100 million package, approved by voters last fall: \$30 million to counties according to population; \$40 million for natural resources department projects and an additional \$30 million to urban areas for supplemental projects.

OPPOSE FORMULA

Earlier Wednesday, Senate Majority Leader Emil Lockwood of St. Louis, and House Minority Leader Robert Waldron, of Grosse Pointe, said they both opposed Milliken's formula and doubted if such a bill could pass either house.

Also yesterday, Sen. Charles Zollar, Benton Harbor Republican who is chairman of the Senate appropriations committee, came out in opposition to Milliken's proposed split.

Specific allocation of the bond revenue must be approved by the Legislature.

As when he revealed his spending formula, Milliken Wednesday emphasized qualitative rather than fiscal priorities.

"We have tarnished the surface of our state," he said.

"We cannot have islands of despair and chaos in a sea of affluence and tranquility. We cannot allow the emergence of two Michigans, one rural, white and comfortable, and the other urban, black and desperately poor."

But, holding out for the pre-election promise of a 70-30 rural-city split, Senator Zollar noted that the outstate areas carried the recreation bond issue.

FAILED IN DETROIT

"In fact, the proposal was defeated in Detroit and Wayne county," the Benton Harbor lawmaker said.

Senate Majority Leader Lockwood suggested that rather than direct the majority of the fund to Detroit and other hard-pressed urban areas, Detroit itself should sell Belle Isle to the State and the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority should turn over Kensington Park in southwestern Oakland County as well.

"I don't think his proposal will pass without amendment," Lockwood said Wednesday at a news conference. He explained his seemingly offhand proposal for Belle Isle by saying, "This would make less of a burden on the tri-county areas."

"There's no reason why the Department of Natural Resources can't own a facility there. Subject to the give and take of politics, they could set a very nominal price."

Since announcement of Milliken's proposal, numerous legislators have recollected vigorous campaigning required to convince voters of the need for passage of the bond on that

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Coins Valued At \$1,000 Are Stolen

Coins valued at \$1,000 were reported stolen from a Benton Harbor home last night while the occupants were attending a regional tournament basketball game in Kalamazoo, according to city police.

Police said the burglary occurred at the William Cohn residence, 615 McAlister avenue. The loot included uncirculated 1936 quarters and 12 bottles of liquor. Cohn is the proprietor of Michigan Cleaners. Mrs. Cohn is a teacher at Benton Harbor high school.

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Editorial Page

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Confession In Doubt

Confession, runs an old proverb, is good for the soul.

The reasoning behind it is that it lifts a weight from one's conscience.

More in a practical vein, it clears up that which may be suspected but remains beyond demonstrable proof.

By entering a guilty plea to murdering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., this past April 4th, James Earl Ray, a 41-year-old perennial convict, brings no satisfaction to the public's mind on the assassination.

The Negro community almost unanimously writes it off as a whitewash and most whites feel skeptical about it.

The feeling remains that Ray was an instrumentality for others rather than, as his plea to the court records it, his own master and in full possession of his faculties.

After taking the plea, Judge Battle of the Memphis, Tenn. circuit court, remarked that murder, including a conspiracy to commit it, is a charge which is not outlawed by passage of time. The FBI, regardless of last year's statements by J. Edgar Hoover and the then U.S. Attorney General, Nicholas Katzenbach, downgrading a conspiracy theory, says it is keeping its files open.

The dictionary ascribes to assassination the connotation of a hired killing, directed for the most part against prominent personages and contracted for, usually, by people who view the victim's demise as the means for attaining a certain goal.

These are the elements of a violent conspiracy and when a leader such as Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, the two Kennedy brother or King is slain, it is only natural to suspect the murderer on stage is playing out an act directed by others in the wings.

Considering today's tensions raised by the civil rights movement, the felling of Dr. King immediately prompted thoughts of a racist conspiracy and whatever fate decrees eventually for Ray, doubt will persist on his role of a loner.

The man and his actions in the dubiety of being a public figure stir anxiety as to his plea.

Except for 19 months in the army, Ray has spent all of his adult life serving time for a variety of offenses directed to obtaining money without work.

After Girl Jockeys, What?

As if professional sports didn't have enough problems, there is a new invasion by the ladies. It is a small invasion, more like a minor skirmish, but it does portend the shape of things to come.

Dianne Crumb is officially now the first girl to ride a horse in a regular pari-mutuel race in the United States. She was not the first to try.

The first girl jockey-to-be twice was turned down as a competitor by the male jockeys at Churchill Downs and finally settled for riding in a special race in the Bahamas.

D. Crumb's ride at Hialeah may not have been the most successful in history (she same in 10th in a field of 12), but her name is now firmly enshrined in the record books.

Now, what sport will be next? There are lady hockey players, lady skaters and swimmers, even lady wrestlers. Will those who say lady jockeys will not make much of a mark live to rue their words?

How about professional baseball, basketball, auto racing or soccer? One hesitates to mention football, but the day may come when an Amazon will take great delight in tackling some of the bruisers on that field, also.

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GLANCING BACKWARDS

SJ ATTORNEY IS CANDIDATE

—10 Years Ago—
St. Joseph attorney Ronald J. Taylor, 31, announced his candidacy for Berrien county prosecutor Tuesday on the Republican ticket while filing nominating petitions bearing 959 signatures at the county clerk's office, St. Joseph.

Taylor, a partner with his father, Russell J. Taylor, in a St. Joseph law firm bearing the family name, claims substantial backing from the legal fraternity and police and promises an administration assisting the courts toward fast, economical justice.

During an extradition hearing before a London magistrate, David Calcutt, an English lawyer representing the American government and the Tennessee authorities, said of Ray, "All the evidence is of a lone assassin."

We can only assume that Calcutt simply repeated what Hoover and Katzenbach had relayed to him.

Upon Ray's return to Memphis in early July, Judge Battle set November 10th as the opening trial date.

Ray stalled this 36 hours prior to trial by demanding the right to replace his original attorney with substitute counsel.

Considering the impact of the case on the country, Judge Battle consented to what would not be countenanced in the mine run criminal offense, and ordered this March 3rd as a postponed trial date.

Before last week had run its course, an enterprising Memphis reporter dug out the elements of Ray's plan to cop a plea on life imprisonment rather than stand trial and risking a death penalty.

Ray's confinement before trial in the Memphis county jail was more rigorous than he is likely to face in the state prison at Nashville.

Having the Dallas experience with the JFK assassination in mind, the Memphis sheriff barricaded Ray's cell windows with steel plates, installed 24-hour surveillance of him by a microphone and closed TV camera, had the cells lighted constantly, and placed guards in the cells with Ray around the clock as his only companions. Notes passed between Ray and his attorneys were inspected, though not read.

Despite this vigilance, one writer contrived a few interviews with Ray from which he spun a biography of the suspect for publication in a nationally circulated magazine.

Facing Ray for his trial were 90 of the 300 witnesses contacted by the FBI, the Canadian and the British police forces between his prison break and final arrest.

Mental tests reveal him to be a person regarding crime as a livelihood, not as a psychotic outburst.

During his biographical interview and before Judge Battle, he made statements indicating he did not play solo. To his reporter friend he mentioned "another man" being with him before the shooting, and in court he disputed the prosecutor's statement of no conspiracy being involved.

Two elements link up the frustration over the confession.

Ray concedes the charge but keeps silent as to the motive. At the same time he hints he might speak to the second point, and conveys the impression he is addressing himself to unknown parties.

For a ruthless man, a hired gun type, he was a careless one.

In the FBI's words, his trail from Memphis to London was a wide open one. If there was a conspiracy and any real intelligence behind it, one would think its planners would seek out a more reliable trigger man.

The confession in its present form is not satisfying.

Yet as Eric Sevareid, the very capable TV commentator, remarked of it, "There are some people who will do anything to get a book written about them."

and west may be trimmed down from three to two gallons a week, to match the eastern seaboard ration, was acknowledged today by Colonel Bryan Houston, deputy administrator of the office of price administration. Colonel Houston said the plan was advocated by the petroleum administration for war as a means of equalizing supplies over the country.

If the midwestern and far western curtailment is ordered, it probably will be placed in effect by extending each series of A coupons to last three months instead of the present two months, officials said.

OFFICIAL TALLY MADE OF VOTERS

—15 Years Ago—
The official count of registered voters for the April 6 election is 6,733 St. Joseph City Clerk Charles Rhodes said today. The last day for registering was Monday at 8 p.m.

The number registered by precincts is: First, 606; second, 721; third, 700; fourth, 726; fifth, 737; sixth, 732; seventh, 591; eighth, 697; ninth, 558; and tenth, 655.

—19 Years Ago—
The possibility that basic "A" gasoline rations in the midwest

—25 Years Ago—
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—35 Years Ago—
The birthday of the late William Jennings Bryan will be honored at a banquet to be given in the Whitcomb hotel by Democrats of the fourth Con-

gressional district.

RADIO SINGER

—45 Years Ago—
Curtis Johns of Church street, who is a member of the Metropolitan Opera company of New York, has gone to Chicago to sing over the radio.

DOUBLE PERIL

—55 Years Ago—
The residence of Health Officer H.G. Bartlett, 532 Winchester avenue, which is quarantined for scarlet fever, was attacked by fire, and for a time there was consternation lest in subduing one peril the other peril would break from restraint. Prompt work on the part of firemen checked the flames which started on the roof from chimney sparks.

AT IT AGAIN

—75 Years Ago—
Brick layers are at work again on the Hotel Whitcomb.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. Africa borders the Red Sea on the west. What country borders it on the east?

2. What is a "red snapper"?

3. What is the designation given of the combination of the Book of Proverbs, the Book of Job and the Book of Ecclesiastes?

4. What was the time span of Prohibition in the United States?

5. The prairie dog is a member of the squirrel family. True or false?

BORN TODAY

If a sportswriter were to slap a nickname on

Joseph Priestley, 18th century chemist and minister, he

might well call him the "Big O."

That's because Priestley was the discoverer of oxygen, whose chemical symbol is "O."

Priestley was born at Fieldhead, Yorkshire in 1733. After

studying languages, literature and natural philosophy, he became a Unitarian minister in

Suffolk, at the age of 22. In

1761, he was appointed to the

chair of languages and literature at Warrington Academy.

where he carried out experiments in electricity.

He became a pastor of a large church in Leeds where he

composed several political

tracts criticizing the attitude of

the British government toward

the American colonies. His liberal opinions offended the

Church of England. He relinquished his church and accepted

a position as literary companion to Lord Shelburne.

On Aug. 1, 1774, he announced

his great discovery of oxygen,

prepared by heating red oxide

of mercury with a burning glass.

Priestley accepted a position in Birmingham as junior minister of a society later called the Congregationalists.

His anti-pathy to the church, his friendship for the Jacobs and his espousal of America's cause against the king made him unpopular and a mob ransacked his home. He fled to London and then to France, where he was made a French citizen.

In 1796, Priestley, who had

followed his three sons to

America, rejected a professorship at the University of Pennsylvania.

He then founded the first Unitarian Church in America at Philadelphia. His last years were spent as a semi-invalid. He died at Northumberland, Pa., on Feb. 6, 1804.

Others born today include Queen Tupou Saito of Tonga, Willard Wirtz and Sammy Kaye.

YOUR FUTURE

Promotion may be offset by worry caused by illness in the family circle. Today's child will be a very reliable character.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

DOTARD (DO-terd) — noun; one who is weak-minded, especially from old age.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

Giraffes are very swift runners.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1930 the discovery of the planet Pluto was announced.

IT'S BEEN SAID

Our minds possess by nature an insatiable desire to know the truth.—Cicero.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. Arabia.
2. A basslike fish of the snapper family.
3. Wisdom Literature.
4. The era between January 1920 and December 1933.
5. True.

CAMPUS HUMOR:

From Murray State:

Grad of Class of '46: "How's

that little wife of yours? Has

she kept her wonderful figure?

Classmate: "Kept it? She's

DOUBLED it!"

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking Of Your Health

My husband has just been told that he has some form of arthritis. It was suggested that he would feel better in a warm climate and we are willing to make such a move. Can you suggest a particular part of the United States where a person with arthritis would feel better?

Mrs. D.H.,
Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. H.:

There is no question about the fact that patients with arthritis are affected by change.

Dr. Coleman

is in the weather, variations in

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ST. JOSEPH, MICH., THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1969

Twin City
News

SOUTH HAVEN HOSPITAL MILLAGE VOTE EYED



BREAK GROUND: Harold Treesh, chairman of the board for Niles Federal Savings and Loan Association, wields gold-plated shovel at site of association's new branch office to be built at the corner of Hilltop road and Cleveland avenue in south St. Joseph. At ground breaking yesterday are: John

Parnell, a director of association; Merrill Smith, vice-president; Chairman Treesh; and Robert Bean, association president. Bean said Vice-President Smith will take charge of St. Joseph operation and that new building is expected to be ready for opening by June. (Staff photo)

Arraigned On Second Pot' Count

Has Spring Arrived? Don't Ask The Birds

Crash Hurts Four BHHS Students

Hit Guard Rail Near Kalamazoo

PORTRAGE — Four Benton Harbor high school students were seriously injured at 6:11 p.m. yesterday when the car in which they were riding missed the exit ramp at I-94 and US-131 and struck a guard rail in

The boys were reported enroute to the regional basketball tournament at Western Michigan University. They were taken to Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo, where three of them were reported in serious condition and one in fair condition this morning.

Jerry Wade Dobbins, 18, 2149 Esthorne Avenue, is in serious condition with multiple contusions and abrasions. Dobbins is the owner and driver of the car, police said. His passengers were: Arister Hicks, 16, 844 East Washington Street, who is reported in serious condition with a skull fracture and other injuries; James Short, 18, 692 Maiden Lane who is in serious condition with a fractured left wrist and other injuries; and Robert Payne, 17, 661 Vineyard Street, who is in fair condition with a possible fractured left kneecap. All four boys are students at Benton Harbor High School.

HIT GUARD RAIL According to witnesses and Portage city police, the accident occurred when Dobbins attempted to turn off eastbound I-94 into the northbound lane of US-131, but veered into a guard rail.

Witnesses told Portage police that the Dobbins car passed two autos and then tried to cut into the right lane to go off I-94. The witnesses told police that the vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed and was going too fast to make the turn. The car missed the exit ramp and struck the guard rail on the east side of the ramp.

The police report stated that the car was demolished. Witnesses to the crash said the auto was virtually cut in two by the guard rail.

Police issued Dobbins a summons on a reckless driving charge.

HOME FROM TEXAS

GANGES — Mrs. Bertha Plummer has returned home from Brownsville, Tex., where she was the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Flores. Mrs. Plummer's sister, Mrs. Zola Goodwin, who resided in the Plummer home during her absence has returned to her home in St. Louis, Mo.

A wildcat strike by an approximate 100 Bendix machine shop employees lasted four and one half hours yesterday, the Berrien County Sheriff's Department reported. The employees are members of United Auto Workers Local 383.

The employees showed up for the second shift change at 3:30 p.m. yesterday, but refused to enter the Bendix Corp. building on Lake Shore Drive, St. Joseph. Some remained outside while others gathered at the union hall at 248 Territorial road.

The 100 employees reported for work at 8 p.m. while other workers on the shift started at the regular time. The grievance was not disclosed immediately.

A wildcat strike is a strike

BH School Is Entered

Benton Harbor police said the Benton Harbor junior high school was broken into early last night. Police said someone had kicked in a door panel to reach the panic bar, which releases the lock.

Police said they found one student's locker which appeared to be forced open, but they were unable to determine if anything had been taken. The intruder left by the fire escape door.

BIRTH REPORTED

BLOOMINGDALE — Lt. and Mrs. Ralph Stevenson of Mather Air Force base, Sacramento, Calif., announced the birth of a daughter, Melissa Anne, on Feb. 15. Mrs. Stevenson is the former Miss Barbara Sweetland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilbert of Bloomingdale.

Board Tells Of Financial Difficulties

Improvements Planned Would Cost \$200,000

By JIM DONAHUE

South Haven Bureau

SOUTH HAVEN — Voters in the South Haven Community Hospital Authority, composed of eight governmental units in the South Haven and Bangor areas, may be asked next summer to approve a one-mill special levy to pay for over \$200,000 in hospital improvements. The tax would be for a three-year period.

The proposed financial boost for a debt-troubled hospital facility was outlined by members of the hospital board of directors here last night during a joint meeting with representatives of all eight governmental units, plus some outlying townships.

The board offered a frank analysis of the hospital's growing financial troubles, told of the need for construction changes and added equipment, and asked for support of the extra tax proposal in a special election that may be called next summer.

Several members of the board and members of the hospital staff spoke on different aspects of the problem.

Sam Overton, member of the board finance committee, told the group that the one-mill tax, based on a present \$75 million assessment in the authority district, would raise a minimum of \$75,000 a year to pay for these necessary improvements. The tax would be calculated on state equalized valuation but would vary in the amount paid in each township and city.

Overton noted that it will be the first time the hospital board has had to come to the people in the authority for additional millage, over and above the four-tenths of a mill annually by all authority members, since the authority was created. The four-tenths of a mill payment is used to retire the original bonded indebtedness.

APRIL DECISION

He said the board will take a final look at all phases of the hospital's financial needs at the regular meeting April 21 and will probably take action at that time to call the special election. Among the listed improvements are: the purchase of new X-ray equipment at a cost of \$47,610; the addition of an intensive care unit with special equipment for heart patients for \$30,000; changes in the fire doors to meet new requirements by the state fire marshall, \$18,650; the construction of an outside incinerator and purchase of 30 new beds and tables to replace wooden furniture to meet requirements of the health board, \$47,500; updating of electrical wiring, \$7,500; purchase of new and safer children's cribs, \$4,500; purchase of a new operating room table, \$12,000; plus numerous other smaller items.

OPERATING IN RED

Ivan Stein, vice-chairman of the board, said the hospital has been operating on a deficit basis for the past year and consequently all reserve monies that could have been used for capital improvement have been used up. He said the board would have two ways of trying to raise the money, either by an extra voted tax or by conducting a fund drive in the local area. He said the board prefers to try for the tax because it would mean that the hospital could be assured of a certain amount of money without depending on pledged donations.

Stein was asked about the tentative plans to build a long-

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Woman Says Shots Fired Into Bedroom

Benton Harbor police said Dale Bright, 24, of 537 Niles Avenue, reported two shots were fired into her bedroom yesterday. She was in the living room when she heard the shots and the breakage of glass, she said.

Officers Kenneth Welsher and Phillip Schneider found two .410 shotgun casings outside the building where the person apparently stood while firing. They tracked the footprints until they mingled with others.



CHECKS FIRE SCENE: Benton Township Fireman James Chapin watches while the department's Dalmatian mascot, six-month-old Clyde, sniffs around defective oil heater that reportedly caused a fire gutting this house at 1784 Highland Avenue. Apparently leaking oil ignited yesterday morning destroying much of the furniture and interior of apartment occupied by Mrs. Bobby Lucas, 27, and her two children. Mrs. Lucas was in the house at the time but was not injured. The two-apartment house is owned by Owen Hampton of 1875 Roberts in Benton Harbor, who said the building was not insured. The other unit, occupied by Alexander Lazano, his wife, and two children, was not damaged.

Legislature Helping Niles' Mayor Frucci

Niles mayor Frank Frucci today moved a step closer to legally keeping both his mayor's position and a liquor license.

Two bills aimed at permitting the dual role went on the list for debate in the state House of Representatives in Lansing.

State Rep. Don R. Pears, R-Buchanan, sponsor of both bills, said the measures could be ready for vote by Friday. If adopted, they would be sent to the Senate for action and then to the governor for signature.

Pears said both bills were recommended by committee and sent to the full House for consideration after one amendment was made to each. The amendment, said Pears, would allow residents of the city to write the restrictions back into

their charters if they so desired.

One of the bills would amend the liquor control laws to exempt mayors and other appointed or elected officials with police powers in Fourth Class Cities from the ban.

The second bill would change the law which places the mayor of Fourth Class Cities into the police officer category.

Pears said he was checking to see if the liquor law proposal would cover other than mayors because he said the intent of the changes involved mayors only.

Benton Harbor Queen Contest Slated Friday

Benton Harbor will select its Missouri Pageant in 1963. She also has been on the Advisory Board for Miss Teenage St. Louis.

Nicoloff was a judge for the Western Michigan Homecoming Queen in 1958 and, for eight years, has judged the Macedonian Annual Convention Queen. The Macedonian contests are held throughout the United States and Canada.

With Ohio Farmers since 1954, Nicoloff was named regional vice president in 1967.

Tickets for the Miss Benton Harbor contest are available in advance until 6 p.m. Friday at Muir's Drug Store at the Fairplain Plaza; Wilder's Drug

store, East Main street, and Wilder Book Store, East Main street, in downtown Benton Harbor; the Battlement Drug store, Napier Avenue, Fairplain; Benton Harbor; and the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce at Riverview Plaza.

They may also be obtained at the door.

Republicans To Discuss New Courts

Operation of the new district courts and problems that have developed since the new system replaced the justice of the peace courts on Jan. 1 will be discussed by the Berrien County Republican committee at its March meeting.

Chairman F.A. "Mike" Jones said the judges in the two districts in Berrien County have been invited to participate in the discussion on Tuesday, March 25. The meeting is scheduled at the Youth Memorial building, Berrien Springs.

RETURN HOME

GANGES — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hill have returned home from Brownsville, Tex., where they spent the winter. They visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Rayko in Chicago, on their way home.

Van Buren Farmers Are Alarmed By Ad

Some Van Buren County farmers were alarmed by an advertisement this week in the Hartford Shoppers Guide offering high school and college students \$2 and \$2.50 hourly for picket duty this summer at farms in their own neighborhoods.

Youngsters were asked to send their name, age and address to a box number in Hartford.

Shopper Operator William McLaughlin said a Van Buren County farmer ran the ad to see what success someone might have if they tried to organize a strike.

Rumors that union organizing attempts would be made among farm workers in southwestern Michigan have been prevalent in area farm circles for several seasons.

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HISTORIC FIGURE PASSES: Final rites were to be held this afternoon for Stanley Johnston, world-famed horticultural figure most prominently known for developing the "Haven" family of peaches. This picture was taken in 1966 when Michigan Historical

society recognized his work by dedicating state historic site marker at South Haven Experiment station where he worked 49 years. His wife, Laura, is with him.



HIS REDHAVEN NO. 1: Peach breeding project started in 1924 by Stanley Johnston produced nine varieties of this fruit for commercial production. He is seen here in 1961 with Suncling, only clingstone type he introduced. Best known of his eight

freestone varieties is Redhaven, released in 1940 and now reported most widely grown variety in world. Over the years he evaluated some 20,000 seedling trees to make his selections. (Staff photo)



MANY HONORS: One of many honors conferred on Stanley Johnston was Distinguished Service award of National Peach Council, presented in 1965. He was congratulated by former Louann DeLisle, national peach queen and southwestern Michigan's Blossom Queen the previous year. (Staff photo)



WORK WILL GO ON: Stanley Johnston introduced two varieties from his extensive blueberry breeding project and at time of his death had several other very promising selections nearly ready for commercial release. He was to retire June 30 and MSU named successor several months ago to carry forward Johnston's work. (Staff photo)

Indian Leader Is Dead At 88

Honorary Chairman Of Potawatomi Tribe

NILES—Funeral services will be held Friday morning for Michael B. Williams, honorary tribal chairman of the Potawatomi Indians of Michigan and Indiana. He died Tuesday at the age of 88.

For many years, Williams remained militant in demands to the federal government for money he felt was owed his tribesmen through settlement of old land treaties.

Less than a month ago, on Feb. 16, he was removed from the post of tribal chairman. Younger Potawatomis demanded more vigorous pressure on the government. They reorganized the tribal council in Dowagiac, but didn't forget their venerable old leader.

LIFETIME TITLE—Williams was given the lifetime title of honorary chairman. Williams liked the term chairman, but scorned the word "chief." To Williams, "chief" is a word dubbed on Indians by white men.

Williams died at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday, at Pawating hospital, after a brief illness. He resided at 1520 Ontario road, Niles.

Williams served as a tribal

officer for 65 years, and was active in tribal affairs since the age of 16.

Williams was born Jan. 29, 1881, at Hartford. He lived in South Bend, Ind., before moving to Niles ten years ago. He had been employed in Dowagiac grain mills until retiring.

On Dec. 2, 1911, in Dowagiac, Williams was married to the former Cecelia Topash, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, John M. Williams of South Bend; two daughters, Mrs. R.E. Daugherty of Sister Lakes, and Mrs. Frances Robinson of Phoenix, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, at St. Mark's Catholic church, Niles. The Rev. Francis Timmons will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Hill cemetery, Hartford.

The Rosary will be recited at 8 o'clock tonight at the Pifer funeral home, Niles, where friends may call.

There were no injuries. The Williams family was reported staying with relatives in the Eau Claire area.

Eau Claire Home Hit By Blaze

EAU CLAIRE—Fire of undetermined origin early today damaged the second floor and roof of a home on Smith road in Berrien township, southeast of Eau Claire.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williams were in the home owned by Loris Sherburn of Berrien Springs when the fire broke out shortly after midnight.

Eau Claire firemen said a large hole was burned in the roof by flames visible as far away as Eau Claire. The furnishings in the home were damaged by smoke and water.

There were no injuries. The Williams family was reported staying with relatives in the Eau Claire area.

HIS HEADQUARTERS: This is grounds of South Haven Experiment Station headquarters where Stanley Johnston lived with his family and did his

research for 49 years. Station is operated by Michigan State university. Johnston was MSU professor of horticulture.



BLUEBERRIES TOO: Stanley Johnston was known, too, as "father" of Michigan cultivated blueberry industry, a multi-million dollar crop today on once-